

Remarks

Claims 7-11, 13, and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent no. 6,122,483 ("Lo").

Independent claim 7 recites 1) receiving, from each of multiple electronic devices, a predicted duration of a length of a subsequent transmission from the respective electronic device; and 2) organizing those devices into groups having similar predicted durations for the subsequent data transmissions. Limitation 2) was already in claim 7, while limitation 1) is supported in paragraph 0014 of Applicant's specification. Receiving such predictions from the devices that will make the subsequent transmissions is not disclosed or suggested by Lo. Claim 7 now has a similar scope to claim 15, which has already been allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 8-10 and 13-14 each depends, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 7, and therefore contains the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited reference.

Claims 15, 17, 21, and 23 have been held allowable by the Examiner.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

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